

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Masayoshi ESASHI et al.**

Art Unit: **3739**

Application No.: **10/582,355**

Examiner: **Victoria W Chen**

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For: **ACTIVE TUBE AND ACTIVE TUBE SYSTEM**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 10, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 23, 2009, and having a response due date set for December 23, 2009.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- Group I    Claims 1-5, 7-16 and 18-24, drawn to active tube with weights attached to an outer surface; or
- Group II    Claims 6-12 and 17-24, drawn to an active tube with a cylindrical thin film and balloon inflating channel.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-5, 7-16 and 18-24. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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